

assisted suicide from the people of the three towns of Prince George, Vanderhoof and Burns Lake in the great riding of Prince George—Bulkley Valley.

The petitioners humbly pray that Parliament not repeal or amend section 241 of the Criminal Code in any way and not allow the Supreme Court of Canada's decision of September 30 to disallow assisted suicide, euthanasia.

I am pleased to say that I concur in every respect with these four petitions.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley East, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, I have several petitions to present today.

In the first one the petitioners request that Parliament not change any legislation that would indicate societal approval of same sex relationships or of homosexuality, including amending the human rights code. They will be pleased that the minister has agreed to delay the introduction of that legislation.

#### ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Mr. Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley East, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, the second petition requests that Parliament ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament make no changes in the law that would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.

#### RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley East, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, in the third petition the petitioners pray that Parliament act immediately to extend protection to the unborn child by amending the Criminal Code to extend the same protection enjoyed by born human beings to unborn human beings.

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#### CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

**Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie, NDP):** Madam Speaker, I have a petition from residents of my constituency who point out that a very vocal minority of citizens are requesting Parliament to institute a dual marketing system for wheat and barley for export.

The petitioners humbly request that Parliament continue the wheat board monopoly powers for marketing wheat and barley and that it extend them to include all grains and oilseeds.

#### Routine Proceedings

#### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 76, 88 and 108.

[Text]

#### Question No. 76—Mr. Peric:

Regarding the decision to proceed with construction of the Kitchener prison for women, (a) how much money has been spent to date on the prison project, (b) how were those funds allocated, (c) was consideration given to relocating the prison to the Maple Grove road site? If yes, why was the site found to be unsuitable, (d) has any consideration been given to the recent offer by the warden of the Oxford Regional Centre in which a portion of that prison was offered to Correctional Service Canada, as an alternative to building the prison for women in Kitchener? If not, why not and (e) what would the anticipated cost of relocating the prison to an alternate site be and what types of expenditures would be included in that cost?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Solicitor General of Canada, Lib.):** In so far as Correctional Service Canada is concerned, the answer is as follows:

(a) Money spent to date: Approximately \$3.11 million has been spent to date.

(b) Allocation of funds: \$1.61 million for acquisition of site, including legal fees; \$1.5 million for two environmental studies, architectural design drawings, salary and operating cost for the Kitchener federally sentenced women office to house the warden, the deputy warden and support staff.

(c) In November 1993 the Maple Grove site was given consideration as a possible site for the prison. However, the location was found to be unsuitable for the following reasons:

(1) There are only two possible locations at the Maple Grove site which are sufficiently level to permit construction of the new women's prison. Neither is large enough to build on.

(2) Making the site larger to accommodate the needs of a women's prison would entail removing an esker. This would require provincial environmental approval and such a process would be both costly and time consuming. Meeting the anticipated environmental concerns would significantly increase the cost of the prison. Also, an agreement would have to be negotiated with the province of Ontario concerning the role of Correctional Service Canada in sharing the costs arising from this process.

(3) There would be significant additional costs of bringing storm and sanitary sewers to the Maple Grove site.